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For: MULTI-STEP DRY ETCHING
METHOD FOR SOI WAFER

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed March 9, 2005, please reconsider this application in light of the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 5-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application Publication No. Hei. 5-29262 (Nishibe) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,302,995 (Tanaka) and U.S. Patent No. 6,315,858 (Shinozuka). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 5 recites a transportation device for taking a silicon on insulator wafer after completion of planarization processing out from the first chamber and transporting the silicon on insulator wafer into the second chamber. Because the claimed etching apparatus has the first vacuum chamber having the small diameter nozzle and the second vacuum chamber